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Lisbon, March 12. *N. S.*

SIR Thomas Dilkes arrived here the 3d Inſtant from England, with a Fleet of Men of War and Merchant Ships, having met with very bad Weather in his Paſſage. The 9th the Swiftſure and Warſpight, with ſeveral Merchant-men, arrived likewiſe from England; and a Fleet of Dutch Men of War and Merchant Ships came in the next Day from the Chanel. Sir Thomas Dilkes is ready to ſail with ſeveral Men of War towards the Streights, in order to join Sir Cloudeſly Shovell, having under his Convoy divers Victuallers for the Fleet, and ſeveral Tranſports, with 700 Portugueſe Recruits, and a conſiderable Sum of Money to pay our Army in Valentia.

Rome, February 26. Cardinal Rubini, a Nephew of Pope Alexander the Eighth, died here the 17th Inſtant, whoſe Death makes a Sixth Vacancy in the College of Cardinals. Abbot Riviera, whom the Pope had ſent to Prince Eugene, upon the Occaſion of the Contributions demanded of the Eccleſiaſtical Territories by the Imperialiſts, is returned from Milan. The Senate of Venice having reſolved that their Ambaſſador ſhould not comply with the Ceremonial lately eſtabliſhed here; and that any of the Cardinals, having Eſtates in the Venetian Territories, who ſhould refuſe to pay him the Viſits as formerly, ſhould forfeit ſuch Eſtates, the Cardinals Ottoboni and Pruli have choſen to viſit his Excellency, rather than incur that Penalty, notwithſtanding the Pope has confirmed this new Regulation, and has declared that he will inſiſt upon its being obſerved.

Venice, March 5. The Duke of Mantua came hither lately from Padua, and intends to make ſome ſtay in this Place. The Imperialiſts have cloſely block'd up Mirandola, and continue the Blockade of Cremona. They write from Bologna, That Abbot Riviera and Colonel Locatelli, the latter being ſent by Prince Eugene, came thither lately from Milan, and having had ſome Conferences with Deputies appointed for that purpoſe by the Cardinals Legates of Bologna and Ferrara, and therein ſettled the Proportions of Proviſions of all kinds, and other Neceſſaries to be furniſhed by thoſe Provinces to the Imperialiſts, in lieu of the Contributions demanded, the Abbot continued his Journey to Rome, and the Colonel returned to Milan.

Warſaw, March 1. The Great Council of the Poliſh Nobility aſſembled at Lemberg has agreed to confirm the Confederacy entred into at Sendomir; and to iſſue out Circular Letters for the Diets of the ſeveral Palatinates to meet the 22d Inſtant, to chuſe Deputies for a General Diet, to be held at Lublin in the beginning of May, where the preſent State of the Kingdom is to be conſidered, in order to come to a further Settlement: And in the mean time they have reſolved to ſend Deputies to the Czar, to acquaint him with their Proceedings.

Hague, March 18. *N. S.* The States of Holland and Weſtfriſeland met the 16th Inſtant. Deputies from the ſeveral Colleges of the Admiralty are come hither, to confer with thoſe of the States General upon our Naval Preparations for the next Summer. They write from Vienna, That the Malecontents have blocked up Leopoliſtad. Letters from Madrid, by the way of Paris, ſay, That Prince Serclaes de Tilly marching to the Relief of Jaca, which Place was beſieged by ſome Troops of his Catholick Majeſty King Charles III. and the Militia of Arragon, they marched towards him, and obliged him to retire with conſiderable Loſs.

Falmouth, March 8. On the 4th Inſtant ſailed hence to the Eaſtward the Hopewel Sloop from Bermudas. The next Day put in here the Willing-Mind Pink, Patrick William Maſter, and the Sandiford Frigat, Othniel Barker Commander, both from Oporto, bound for London: They ſailed from thence in Company with 12 Sail more of Merchant Ships, and on the 24th paſt were ſeparated from them by bad Weather. The 6th came in the William and John, William Smith Maſter, from Beliaſt, laden with Butter, and bound for St. Sebaſtian. This Day the Expedition Packet-Boat, Captain Clyes Commander, arrived here from Lisbon, having been 7 Days in her Paſſage: She brings an Account, That Her Majeſty's Ships the Swiftſure and Warſpight arrived there the 27th paſt, which ſailed from England with about 14 Victuallers and Merchant-men under their Convoy, and in the Latitude of 47 Degrees unfortunately fell in with a French Squadron of about 16 Sail, which took ſome few of the Merchant-men; but one laden with Maſts, another with Accoutrements for the Portugueſe Horſe, and ſeveral more of the moſt Valuable of the Fleet, got away, and arrived ſafe at Lisbon, with the Men of War.

Hull, March 8. On Wedneſday the 5th Inſtant arrived here from London Her Majeſty's Ships the Poſtillion and Rocheſter Prize, with about 28 Sail of Merchant-men under their Convoy.

Cheſter, March 8. Colonel Whetham's Regiment arrived here the 5th Inſtant, and marched yeſterday to Neſton, in order to embark there for Ireland.

Plimouth, March 9. On the 5th Inſtant came into this Port the Hopewell from Bermudas, bound for London. The 6th arrived here the Hope from Oporto, and a Guernſey Privateer from cruizing. Yeſterday came in a Dane bound for Nantz, the London for Dublin and Genoa, and a Dutch Ship for Morlaix.

Dartmouth, March 9. On the 5th Inſtant came into our Range the Phœnix Sloop, Capt. Andrew Roach Commander, the Hooker Galley, Capt. Barker Tillet, the Ann Galley, Capt. Martin Culliford, the Eagle Galley, Capt. Street, all from Oporto, bound for London: They all ſailed again the ſame Morning to the Eaſtward. At the ſame time the Neptune Privateer, Capt. Henry Penny, homeward bound from Oporto, ſailed out of this Harbour into the Range; but the Wind proving contrary, they were all put back again. Yeſterday came into this Port the Ginne Galley, a Pink bound for London, Captain Bolton Commander, from Lisbon, having been 9 Days in her Paſſage.

Cowes, March 10. The Maes Galley of Rotterdam, homeward bound from Gibraltar, is come into this Port: The Maſter gives an Account, That he ſailed from thence in the Company of another Dutch Ship of 20 Guns, from which having parted, he afterwards ſaw her off the Start Point, engaged with a large French Ship. An Engliſh Galley, homeward bound from Oporto, is alſo arrived here, which was taken by the French, and retaken by ſome Dutch Privateers off the Start. This Day the Concord, Peter Hamas, and the Neptune, Cornelius Garret, Commanders, both Privateers belonging to Middlebourg, brought in here as Prize a French Man of War of 54 Guns and 313 Men, which they took the 4th Inſtant off of Scilly, after an Engagement of 3 Hours, wherein the French Ship had 60 Men killed, and ſeveral wounded: The Dutch Privateers had only 4 Men killed, and 16 wounded. This Prize is called the Bourbon of Breſt, and came out from thence a Fortnight before, in the Company of 15 other French Men of War, bound to the Weſt-Indies.

Portſmouth, March 11. The 9th Inſtant in the Afternoon two Dutch Privateers, one of 20, the other of 30 Guns, brought into Spithead a French Man of War of 56 Guns; they had taken off of the Lizard, after a warm Diſpute, in which the French Ship had about 100 of her Men killed: She is a new built Ship, and had not been above 3 Weeks off the Stocks. Her Majeſty's Ship the Auguſt arrived this Morning at St. Helens, which gave Chaſe Yeſterday, on the back of the Iſle of Wight, to a French Privateer of about 30 Guns; but ſhe being to the Windward, and having thrown all her Guns over-board, to make the beſt of her way, the Auguſt could not come up with her.

Kenſington, March 12. A very dutiful and loyal Addreſs of the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Aſſembly, of Her Majeſty's Bermuda or Sommer Iſlands in America, congratulating Her Majeſty upon the moſt Glorious and Happy Succeſſes of the Arms of Her Majeſty and Her Allies, and more eſpecially thoſe under the Command of his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, has been preſented to Her Majeſty by Sir John Bennet, Serjeant at Law.

Which Addreſs Her Majeſty received very graciouſly.

His Royal Highneſs Prince George of Denmark, &c. Lord High Admiral of England, &c. is pleaſed to direct, That all the Foremaſt-men belonging to Her Majeſty's Ship the Advice, which are in and about Town, do forthwith repair aboard Her Majeſty's Ship the Colcheſter at Deptford, or in Longreach, otherwiſe they will be taken up and puniſh'd as Deſerters; his Royal Highneſs having directed the ſaid Men to be removed from the aforeſaid Ship Advice aboard the Colcheſter, to ſerve in her, and paid the Wages due to them in the former aboard the latter, before ſhe ſails from the Nore.

His Royal Highneſs Prince George of Denmark, &c. Lord High Admiral of England, Ireland, &c. is pleaſed to direct, That all ſuch Men as were removed from Her Majeſty's Ship the Reſerve to ſerve in the Severne, which are in or about Town, do forthwith repair on board the ſaid Ship Severne at Portſmouth, otherwiſe they will be taken up and try'd as Deſerters.; his Royal Highneſs having given Directions for their being paid the Wages due to them in the Reſerve on board the ſaid Ship Severne, before ſhe ſails from Spithead.

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